

House Resolution No. 3094

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to recognize those Show-Me State educational institutions which have demonstrated remarkable success with innovative programs designed to ensure high student achievement; and

Whereas, each year the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) collaborates with SuccessLink in order to solicit, recognize, disseminate, and promote exemplary and innovative practices which have been developed and successfully implemented in Missouri schools; and

Whereas, the "Litz Read" program at Litzsinger School in the St. Louis Special School District has been selected as a Best Practice for 2003 by DESE and SuccessLink; and

Whereas, in operation since 1999, the St. Louis Special School District's Litz Read Program addresses the need to get students with significant disabilities to improve their literacy skills beyond the emergent level; and

Whereas, the Litz Read program at Litzsinger School is open to elementary students in kindergarten through eighth grade from throughout the St. Louis City School District; and

Whereas, currently with seventy-eight student participants, the Litz Read Program developed by the St. Louis Special School District utilizes the knowledge and skills of eleven teachers in combination with computers, props, and other assistive technology to improve literacy skills and to develop a positive attitude about reading; and

Whereas, the Litz Read program demonstrates through checklists and standardized testing that it is successful in developing reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills in its target group of students:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the success of the St. Louis Special School District's Litz Read Program and its suitability for incorporation in other school districts and to convey to teachers, administrators, staff, and students this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon Litzsinger School's selection for a DESE and SuccessLink 2003 Best Practices award; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in recognition of the outstanding success of St. Louis Special School District's Litz Read Program.

Offered by Speaker Catherine L. Hanaway
District No. 87

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3094, adopted May 23, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker